

MRS. SMITH ILL IN PRISON CELL

Physicians Have Been Constantly
in Attendance for
Weeks.

HUSBAND AT HER BEDSIDE

Public Sentiment Favors Shep-
pard Knapp Smith's
Release.

Mrs. Estelle Townsend Smith, who was convicted last June of the voluntary manslaughter of her five-year-old son, Ralph, and whose counsel have moved for a new trial, will know her fate when Judge Clifton sits on September 13th. Mrs. Smith has, since her trial, been desperately ill in the Manchester jail and under the constant care of a physician.

Her wealthy New York relatives have provided every comfort and convenience obtainable under the circumstances, and her husband, Sheppard Knapp Smith, who is awaiting trial, has been allowed to visit his wife in her cell. Mrs. Smith is slowly improving in health and the friends who have visited her say that she is confident of securing a new trial. Sentiment in Manchester is said to have turned in favor of the prisoner, and in the event a new trial is granted, the testimony against her will be robbed of a great measure of its vindictiveness.

Broke Down Evidence.

One of the witnesses for the prosecution said yesterday that the evidence of two of the Commonwealth's witnesses could be broken down, and that there were many residents of Manchester who would come forward to testify to the good character of the Smiths. This same person stated that it was the opinion of many in the community that Sheppard Knapp Smith, who has been in jail for six months awaiting trial, is entirely innocent of the charge against him, and that five Manchester men who have not before testified in the case will go on the stand for him, if his case goes to trial.

Commonwealth Attorney Page is out of the city on his holiday and could not be seen, so it is not definitely known if Smith's case will come up at the September term of court.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., senior counsel for the Smiths, to travel on the Pacific coast, and will not return until next week.

Little Carroll Smith, the three-year-old son of the prisoners, is in the country near Columbia, with Mrs. Ashburner, an intimate friend of Mrs. Smith.

MAKES HEAVY INCREASE.

Democratic Campaign Runs Up
the Sale of Stamps.

August was an unusually heavy month in the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes, etc., at the Richmond postoffice, and this is accounted for to a large extent, owing to the conduct of the campaigns of various Democratic candidates here.

The figures are as follows:

August, 1905.....	\$3,682 61
August, 1904.....	28,619 11

Increase.....\$4,602 33
This was a net increase of over 16 per cent. for the month over August, 1904.

The number of request and stock envelopes was 25,000.

The rural free delivery pay-roll has also largely increased. The total amount to be paid out for the month is \$43,422.10.

This will be divided into 758 checks, which are now being sent out.

UNIQUE LETTER.

Man Applies in Own Handwriting
for Clerkship or Any Place.

Following is a fair specimen of the many unique letters that are received from time to time by Postmaster Knight: "Dear Sir: I VIII Right this to know does anyone in this town need me for a servant if you do please let me no at once I would like to be a House Servant and a wait maid in the store are a Driver for some one I am seeking a job of some description so if any of you need a hand to fill in of these offices please let me no at once for I am just out of a job of clearing at farmville Pitt Co. Va. So if any of you need a clerk in the store please writ and let me no and I will come & tell me what will you give for either one of these offers so Right at once."

Market Remains Quiet.

The condition of the markets still remains impassive, and business in consequence is very dull and quiet. Prices are quoted as follows: Lemons, 25 cents a dozen; bananas, 15 and 25 cents a dozen; grapes, 25 cents a basket; pears, 10 cents a quart; pears, 1 cent a quart; sickle pears, 2 cents a quart; Bartlett pears, 2 cents a quart; apples, 15 cents a half-peck; chickens, 20, 25, 35 and 50 cents; lettuce, 10 cents a head; tomatoes, two quarts, 15 cents; butterbeans, 15 cents a quart; blackeye peas, 10 cents a quart; corn, 20 cents a dozen; cabbage, 10, 12 and 15 cents a head; turnips, 8 cents a bunch; two bunches, 15 cents; carrots, 5 cents a bunch; beets, 8 cents a bunch; egg-plants, 10 cents each; sweet potatoes, 25 cents a half-peck; Irish potatoes, 25 cents a peck; ducks, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair dressed; squirrels 10 and 20 cents each.

Two New Charters.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday granted the following charters: "The Mutual Live Stock Insurance Association of St. George's Parish, Orange County, Incorporated; R. P. Curtis, secretary; C. K. Kellam, secretary and treasurer; both of Orange County. Objects: To insure live stock of members of the association."

Directories: Publishing Corporation, Norfolk, Incorporated; C. A. Valen, president, Norfolk; C. A. Turner, secretary, Chesapeake; J. K. Waterman, treasurer, Norfolk. Capital, \$20,000. Objects: To print, publish and circulate directories.

Shepard's Moving Pictures.

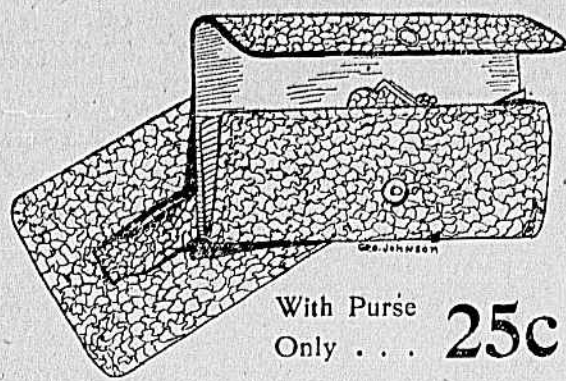
Shepard's moving pictures were seen at the Academy yesterday afternoon and evening. The pictures were all new, and were thoroughly enjoyed by those who witnessed them.

The Shepard pictures have been shown here several times, and have always proved attractive.

The views are always well chosen, and some of the series are almost plays in themselves.

Fashion Plate CallsFor This Bag

Comes in Red, Purple, Green,
Tan and Brown and Black.



With Purse
Only . . . 25c

Julius Sytle & Sons

FIREMAN SHOTS HIS LITTLE SON

The Boy in Critical Condition and
the Ball Has Not Been
Found.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
IRON GATE, Va., September 2.—Mr. George Bowers, fireman at the tannery, accidentally shot his twelve-year-old boy last night. Mr. Bowers worked from 12 in the day until 12 at night. His son was in the habit of staying with him at night. The boy saw a pistol belonging to the other fireman, handed it to his father; Mr. Bowers broke it, when it went off, a ball passing into the boy's breast three inches above the heart.

The boy went to Dr. Penderton's office. The ball was probed for, but not located. He was taken immediately to the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital, Clifton Forge, where the boy lies in a critical condition, and in such a nervous condition no attempt can be made to extract the ball at present.

Emma Hill, colored, who had four balls shot into her lower limbs by a negro, Brown, a jealous lover, is doing well. The balls were extracted, but Brown made his escape.

ELKO ECHOES

James Bryant Turner, of Newport News, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Winn, on his way home from Cincinnati, where he spent his vacation.

Charles Spencer, Jr., of Newport News, visited his old home, near here, the first of the week.

Ed. Firman has returned to Petersburg after a short stay with his family. Henry Schroeder and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hesse, on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Durrett, of Fort Lee, spent Tuesday with W. C. Baker and family.

W. C. Baker and wife, and A. R. Fisher and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Durrett, of Fort Lee, on the 1st.

White H. Sharpe has returned to Newport News after spending several days with his father, after a delightful visit to friends and relatives in Newport News.

Miss Nellie Duval is very much improved at her home near here. Miss Ina Scott, of "Oak Hill," had as her guest on Monday Miss Corn Wood, of Fulton Va.

Mrs. L. A. Sneed spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Bowles, of Brin Shades.

Mr. Robert Henley, who for the past week has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Shady Grove, returned to his home near Shady Grove.

The condition of Miss Nellie Duval, who has been confined to the house for the past week as the result of a fall, is thought to be improving.

Miss Gertrude Gayton, of Gayton, who has been spending some time with Miss Nellie Duval, of Edgewood, Va., has returned to her home.

Mrs. Eliza Jones, of Edgewood, had as her guest on Thursday, Miss Watkins, of Chestnut Hill, Va.

Mr. William J. Powers, of Chickahominy, Va., who has been quite sick for some time past is now able to be out.

Mrs. J. M. Henley and Mrs. Jessie Henley, friends in this locality on Thursday.

Miss Helen Bowles was very recently the guest of Mrs. Eliza Jones, of Edgewood, Va.

Mr. Hart Named.

Governor Montague has named Mr. John M. Hart, of Roanoke, to fill the vacancy on the board of trustees of the State Female Normal School, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. R. C. Glass, of Lynchburg.

SUNDAY AT POPULAR BEACH PARK.
TWO SPECIAL TRAINS: 50 CENTS
ROUND TRIP.

Leave Richmond 10:30 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. 50 cents round trip. It is a splendid place to spend next Sunday, September 3d.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R. SUNDAY
EXCURSION BETWEEN RICH-
MOND AND PETERSBURG.
40 CENTS-ROUND TRIP-40 CENTS.
Tickets good on all regular trains limited to date of sale.

KILLED A RED FOX AND "HOLE" FOUR

Boynton Hunt Successfully Be-
gins the Hunting
Season.

IN CAMP ON ROANOKE RIVER

Mr. Overbey's Great Hound
"Brody" Is Leader of the
Pack.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYNTON, Va., September 2.—The big fox hunt on Roanoke River, in which the old North State was largely represented, having in the chase over fifty dogs, was a great success, and the hunters claim that they have crowned themselves all over with glory. Yesterday morning and the day before they ran two red foxes in the ground, and this morning they had three red foxes moving at one time.

They ran for about forty-five minutes, killing one fox in the open and putting two in holes without the dogs even making a break. Mr. E. W. Overbey's champion dog, "Brody," which took first prize at the hunt meet at the Mecklenburg last spring as the fastest dog, was the dog to catch the red this morning.

My informant says that he left the hunters still in the field, and that the hunt would continue for several days yet.

It is of interest to know that the lead dog of the Boynton pack is the large dog, "Brody," who won first prize in the hunt trials held in Mecklenburg county last winter. The second prize also went to this same pack, being won by "Lizzie," a full sister to "Brody." Mr. Overbey is an ardent sportsman, who is in close touch with Mr. Harry Smith, master of Gratton Hunt, of Massachusetts, who has waged \$1,000 on his American pack against Mr. A. Henry Higginson's English pack from Middlesex Hunt. The match will be run in Piedmont Valley on November 1st, and will continue two weeks.

It is a matter of regret to sportsmen of Mecklenburg county that the conditions of the match are such that "Brody" cannot run with the Gratton pack.

NO SMART TALK.

Justice John Rushes Through the
Docket in Short Order.

Without any parleying, Justice Crutchfield rushed through the docket yesterday morning, and with a flash of his magic wand announced that court had adjourned until Monday morning.

The docket consisted of those who in years gone by came to see the One John and had friendly spats with him. For instance, there was Lella Hawkins, a negress, who had oftentimes in the past looked upon the edifice with a great deal of interest, and said that she was going to fight the case before the testimony given by this witness was lacking in the truth. Lella paid \$10 for the privilege of getting the boiled-up hot stuff out of her system.

Lucy Fontleroy and Emma Spurlock, negro women, who are old-limers, died up to the bench, and said that they were guilty of fighting on the street. Each contributed \$5 to the sinking fund of the city.

William Roach has oftentimes before been before the court, but never in the past has he had such a package as he brought yesterday. William was just on the brink of the D. T. and was in a good humor, and William got on the outside of a half pint in the quickest time possible.

Chris Solancon, a Swede, was charged with hitting one R. J. Tuck. Tuck was walking along quietly when some one handed him a package of five quarts in the nasal organ. The case went over.

REJECT THE BRIDGE.

War Department Regards Project
a Menace to Navigation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., September 2.—The War Department will reject the application of the Norfolk Yacht Club for the right to build a cantilever bridge over the Elizabeth River. The formal announcement will be made Monday.

Captain E. E. Winslow, engineer in charge of this district, reported adversely on the application, after receiving a great mass of evidence orally and in writing, and the acting Chief of Army Engineers at Washington has made a recommendation to the acting Secretary of War, in line with Captain Winslow's report, which is to the effect that the proposed cantilever structure would be a menace to navigation, and that it is not necessary for the traffic between Norfolk and Berkeley.

There are two ferries and a railway bridge already.

ARE NOT WORRIED.

Proprietors of Kellam Hospital
Will Have Water.

Proprietor Kellam, of the Kellam Cancer Hospital, said last night that while he preferred to have connection with the city water pipes for his new building, just outside the city limits, on Main Street, yet he was not greatly worried concerning the matter.

Continuing, Mr. Kellam said he had a splendid well now in operation, from which a great many of his neighbors use water.

"I have only to erect a wind mill," he went on, "in order to get wind-mill time free from city taxes. Yet I prefer to take the city water and pay the price."

"I am a citizen of Richmond, and my property interests are here. Hence I am willing to bear my part of burdens in the way of taxes."

"On the other hand, my West End property will soon be in the city if the annexation scheme goes through. Then I will be entitled to city water."

Municipal Meetings.

A number of municipal meetings of more or less importance are scheduled for the City Hall this week. They are: Tuesday—Common Council (regular session), 8 P. M.

Committees on Water, 5 P. M. and Markets, 7:30 P. M.

The Committee on James River Improvement will meet at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday to decide whether or not a member accepting free passes may hold his seat. City Attorney Pollard will be present and render an opinion on this point.

The Grounds and Building Committee will meet at 8 P. M. on Thursday.

Rather Than
Carry
Them Over,
\$4.00
Patent Kid
Oxfords,
Welt Soles, Cuban and
Military Heels,
SPECIAL,
\$2.50

See them in the win-
dow.

Cross,
313 Broad St.

GUILLOTINE GONE AND CRIME IS RIFE

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PARIS, September 2.—M. Edmund Lepelletier, deputy of the Seventeenth Arrondissement, taking as a text the increase of crime and lawlessness in Paris, has written to the Minister of Justice a letter declaring that the present condition results from the practical abolition of capital punishment.

The absence of even a place to put the guillotine, he writes, gives the sense of security to dangerous criminals. They see there is no place for the execution of the death sentence, and persuade themselves they can murder with impunity.

M. Lepelletier proposes to establish the guillotine on the Quai de la Horloge, near the towers of the Conciergerie.

Clearing-House Averages.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, September 2.—The statement of averages of the clearing house of this city for the week ending September 1st: Loans, \$1,336,920,500; decrease, \$7,667,100. Deposits, \$1,166,857,700; decrease, \$14,496,800. Clearing, \$3,665,120; increase, \$784,800. Legal tenders, \$33,358,600; decrease, \$1,440,000. Specie, \$213,287,200; decrease, \$5,653,100. Reserve, \$207,145,800; decrease, \$7,108,500. Reserve required, \$201,616,225; decrease, \$3,624,340. Surplus, \$5,498,875; decrease, \$3,179,300. Ex-United States deposits, \$7,537,100; decrease, \$3,457,715.

Surplus Greatly Increased.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company has just issued a statement of earnings and expenses for the month of July. It is of interest to note that the surplus shows an increase of nearly \$40,000 over the same month of last year.

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This great remedy for women has done more in the way of restoring health to the women of America than all other medicines put together. It is the safeguard of woman's health.

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Thousands of Tourists Throng
Vevey to See Open Air Pageant
of the Grape Pickers.

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It is eighteen years since the Swiss celebrated one of their greatest festivals, which is peculiarly national in its character, the "Fete des Grappes Vignerons."

On such an extensive scale is the Fete des Vignerons conducted that an interval of some years is found to be necessary before its repetition. Vevey, at the upper end of the Lake of Geneva, is one of the principal centers of the vine growing French speaking Cantons of Switzerland.

It made great preparations for holding the "Fete des Vignerons" this year, the municipality voting \$60,000 for the festival. Crowds of tourists sought the town, seeking accommodations being provided for 12,000 visitors at the open air entertainment, which was repeated for several days. It consisted of a lyrical poem and an allegorical representation of Swiss country life during the four seasons, accompanied by dances, songs and choruses.

A great procession paraded through the town, no fewer than 7,500 performers taking part. Concerts were given in the "Cantine" by various military and civil bands, and at night fireworks and illuminations were displayed on a lavish scale.

The spectacle was very picturesque in the beautiful environment through which the procession passed, the vine-covered hills of the Valais Alps, and in the background the great St. Bernard.

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Ann Hyde, Clarendon, Lord Chancellor, pretending on account of the dignity of royalty, he would rather have seen her his concubine than his wife.

1662—William Lenthall, speaker of the Parliament, was levied war against Charles II. died.

1733—At Carlton, Yorkshire, England, a vault, eight feet by five, was discovered eighteen feet below the surface, in which lay a skeleton of a large body, with a helmet in a niche over the head; on the wall some Saxons characters and the date 992 were discovered.

1782—Sixth action between the British, Admiral Hughes, twelve ships and a fifty-gun ship, and the French, Admiral Suffren, twelve ships and three fifty-gun ships, off Trincomalee. The action was sanguinary; the French, on re-entering the harbor in the evening, lost two seventy-four gun ships.

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THE IDEAL WIFE

Shapes the Destiny of Men—The Influence of a
Healthy Woman Cannot Be Overestimated.

Seven-eighths of the men in this world marry a woman because she is beautiful in their eyes—because she has the qualities which inspire admiration, respect and love.

There is a beauty in health which is more attractive to men than more regularity of feature. The influence of women glorious in the possession of perfect physical health upon men and upon the civilization of the world could never be measured. It is the very heights of ambition; because of them even thrones have been established and destroyed.

What a disappointment, then, to see the fair young wife's beauty fading away before a year passes over her head! A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home, and a drag upon her husband.

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